

## Walker Republican Budget No Fix to Education, Transportation Needs says Erpenbach

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***Most costly budget in history still short changes our public schools and transportation funding crisis.***

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MADISON - This state budget will spend over \$76 billion dollars, more than any other state budget. The money is there to support our schools and our roads; Republicans just have to make that their priority. Our schools have faced over \$1.1 billion in cuts in the Governor Walker Republican era in Madison and anything short of fully restoring those funds is shortchanging our communities and our children. Without strong educational experiences our children will not be ready to work at Foxconn or anywhere else when they graduate.

For years Democrats have been willing to work with any Republican who is interested in a long term solution to solve our transportation funding crisis. Still there seems to be not one Senate Republican willing to fix what we know is broken and have the courage to fund the infrastructure needed to improve our state's economy. Kicking the can down the road again this budget is a nightmare for our economy. The Republican Senate "solutions" are failures for our people and it is inexcusable.